Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0907

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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-305, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for Stormwater Master Plan – Master Pont Expansion. SFB, Sanford, FL in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Sanford Airport Authority located at 1200 Red Cleveland Boulevard, Sanford, FL 32773.

The funding would be used to expand and reconfigure the master stormwater pond serving the main airfield drainage basins to provide additional stormwater treatment volume for planned airfield improvements, to reduce wildlife habitat within the airfield environment, and to reduce localized flooding. The expansion will remove an existing wildlife habitat adjacent to the Taxiway S and provide additional treatment volume. The reconfiguration will regrade the slopes (6:1 to 4:1) to meet current FAA guidance thereby reducing wildlife habitat within the airfield while also providing additional treatment volume.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve Aviation Safety by eliminating current and future nesting habitat for birds. Additionally, the project will reduce nutrient loads to the downstream impaired waterbody, Lake Jesup. Further, expanding and reconfiguring the master stormwater treatment volume will increase the level of service capacity of the stormwater system to reduce flooding impacts to the airfield and tenants from large storm events.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 49 U.S.C. 47100 et seq.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Cory Mills

Member of Congress